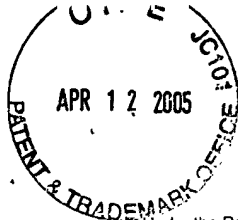


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A Complete Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.